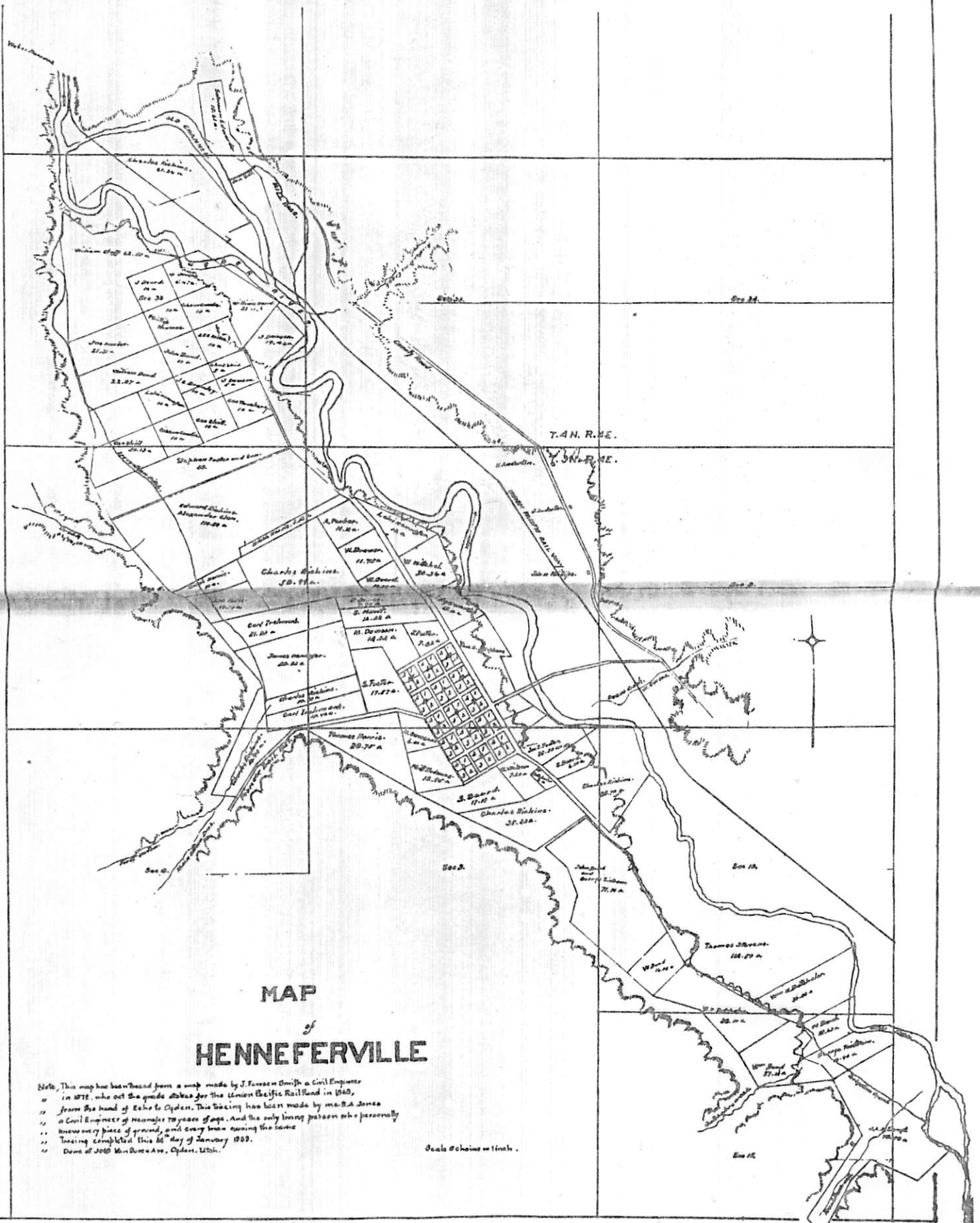


*Henefer*  
OUR  
VALLEY HOME

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MAP  
of  
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Note, This map has been based from a map made by J. Foreman Smith a Civil Engineer  
in 1878, who set the grade stakes for the Union Pacific Railroad in 1860,  
from the head of Echo to Ogden. This tracing has been made by Mr. R. A. Jones  
a Civil Engineer of Hennefer 70 years of age. And the only living person who personally  
knew every piece of ground, and every man owning the same  
Tracing completed this 6th day of January 1909.  
Done at 3010 Main Street, Ogden, Utah.

Scale 2 chains = 1 inch.



counselors, Alice Jones, secretary. Dec. 10, 1935, Boletta Jewkes, was President, with Wilma Foster and Erma H. Richins, counselors, Mildred Jones and June Calderwood, secretaries. From Aug. 1936 to 1941, Ruth Ball served as President. Counselors serving were Wilma Foster, Genevieve Taylor, Verla Foster, Melva Richins, Elizabeth Fawcett and Lela Richins. June Calderwood was secretary. Aug. 1, 1941 Berniece Dawson was sustained President, with Elizabeth Fawcett and Elma Stevens, counselors, Thella Francis, secretary. Aug. 1 1943, Elma Stevens was sustained President, with Grace Jones and Rena Richins counselors, Maxine Foster, secretary. Sept. 1945, Wilma Foster was sustained President with Grace Jones and Violet Ovard counselors, Carla Lythgoe, secretary. From Sept. 10, 1946 to 1951, Ruth Ball served again as President. Those serving as counselors were Hazel Richins, Ina Jones, Thelma Jones, Artel Paskett and June Hennefer. Serving as secretaries were Thelma Jones and Faye Paskett. From 1951 to 1955, Artel Paskett served as President. Counselors were Grace Jones, Ruth Francis and Vera Dawson. Secretaries were Helen Rae Wright, Thelma Stevens and Afton Dearden. Dec. 25, 1955, Kathleen Ovard was sustained President with Clara Ovard and Ilene Richins, counselors, Thelma Ovard, secretary. These officers are presiding at the present time, 1958.

*Religion Class*—In 1897 a Religion Class was organized with R. A. Jones as instructor. Later Thomas Britton, Jr. was appointed. This class was carried on for a number of years but was finally discontinued.

*Summit Stake*—1877: The Saints residing in Summit County, Utah, were organized into a Stake by Apostles John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, to be known as the Summit Stake of Zion. W. W. Cluff was sustained as Pres. with George G. Snyder and Alma Eldredge as counselors. The Stake was divided into six wards, namely: Echo; Elias Asper, Bishop, Henefer; Charles Richins, Bishop, Hoytsville; Andrew Hobson, Bishop, Parley's Park; Joseph H. Black, Bishop, Upton; Charles Stayley, Bishop; and Rockport, Edward Bryant, Bishop. (Church Chronology) President Cluff presided over the Summit Stake for 24 years. It was while he was President that the Summit Stake Tabernacle was built. It was dedicated on May 7, 1899. He received his release in 1901.

October 1886: General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held at Coalville, Summit County, Utah.

*Stake Positions held by Henefer People*—Joseph A. A. Bunot was ordained a Patriarch by Charles W. Penrose, 13 May, 1906.

Charles Richins was ordained a Patriarch, by John Henry Smith, May 11, 1901.

Micah Francis Harris was ordained a Patriarch May, 9, 1915.

Charles Richins Jones was ordained a Patriarch, by President Joseph F. Smith, April 7, 1917. He was ordained President of the

Arizona Temple by President Heber J. Grant, Jan. 6, 1935. He was ordained second counselor to President Joseph Fielding Smith in the Presidency of the Salt Lake Temple, Oct. 1946.

Parley Thomas Richins was ordained a Patriarch by Orson F. Whitney July 6, 1930.

William Oriel Stephens was ordained President of the Summit Stake by Apostle George F. Richards Apr. 19, 1925. Heber Wilde, Coalville, and William J. Lewis were chosen as counselors, Charles Frost, Stake Clerk.

Joseph Edgar Beard was ordained President of the Summit Stake, by Apostle Charles A. Callis Sept. 24, 1939. William Earl Calderwood, Henefer, ordained by Charles A. Callis, and Robert Hillier, Hoytsville, were chosen as counselors, John W. Lamb, Stake Clerk.

Margaret Richins was chosen as Stake Primary President Aug. 26, 1934 with Gladys Dearden, Henefer, and Annie Jones, Echo, as counselors.

Gladys Dearden was chosen Stake Primary President May 31, 1936 with Maxine Wright, Henefer, and Annie Jones, Echo, Counselors.

Carl Thomas Ovard was ordained as Summit Stake Mission President about 1949 with John Adkins as Mission Secretary.

Roy A. Richins was ordained first counselor to President John F. Hobson in the Summit Stake by Ernest Wilde May 6, 1951, Eugene Pace, Wanship, was ordained as second counselor, Edward L. Hansen, Stake Clerk.

Carl Ether Richins was ordained as Stake Sunday School President by Pres. John F. Hobson July 2, 1952 with Ralph Sargent, Hoytsville, and Fay E. Bates, Wanship, as counselors, Ross Dearden, as Secretary.

Elva M. Richins was chosen as Stake Relief Society President Feb. 21, 1954 with Maxine K. Wright, Henefer, and Thelma C. Brown, Hoytsville, as counselors, Leah S. Robinson, Coalville, Secretary.

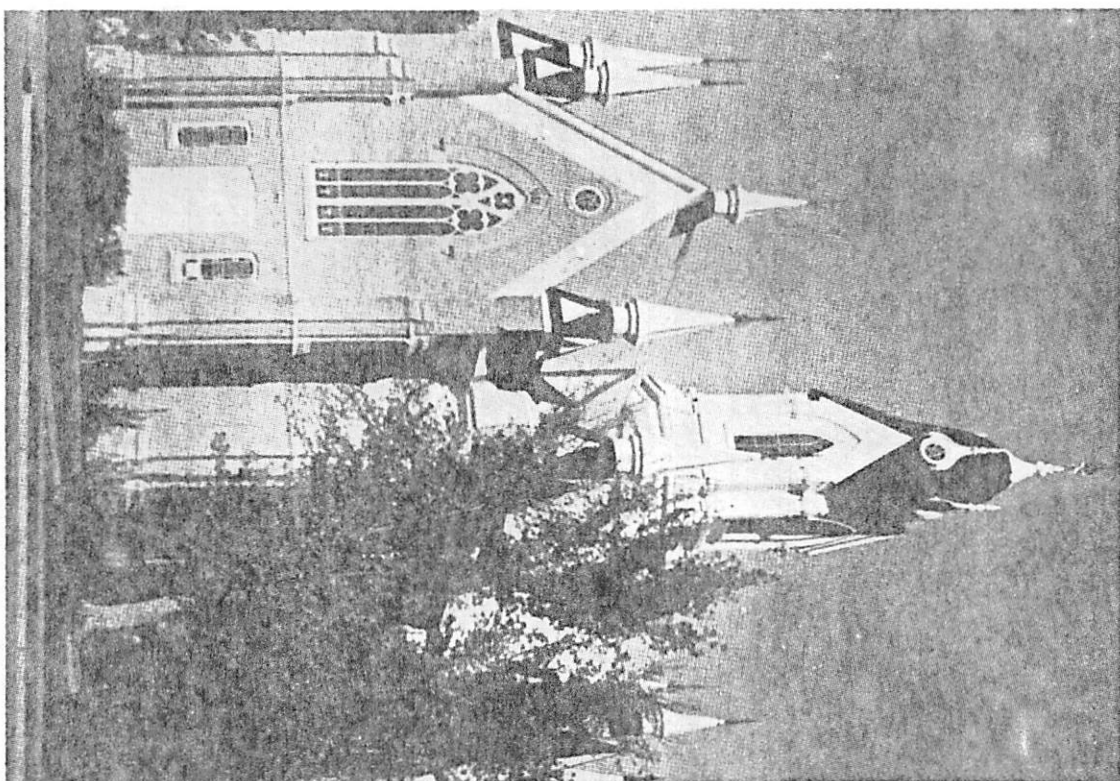
Velma S. Judd was chosen as Summit Stake Primary President Feb. 21, 1954 with Helen Chappell and Mildred Saxton, both of Coalville as counselors, Wanda Y. Spriggs, Hoytsville, Secretary.

Ray J. Dearden was ordained as Summit Stake Mission President Nov. 20, 1955 by Elder John Longden, with Robert V. Stonebraker, Coalville and Reed Pace, Hoytsville, counselors, John Adkins, Secretary.

#### *Missionaries:*

1855 William H. Batchelor —	1882 Joseph A. A. Bunot—Chan-
Israel	nel Island, Switzerland,
1856 James Ure—Europe	France
1876 Micah F. Harris—Iowa and	1885 Stephen Beard — Southern
Nebraska	States





Summit Stake Tabernacle, Coalville, Utah

## OUR MUSICIANS

*The tunes that were played, I'm sure that you know,  
Were the quaint old folk tunes of long long ago,  
When Music was made in the "Parlor."*

Music has always played an important part by adding spiritual uplift and happy entertainment to the people of Henefer. As early as May 7, 1871 James Lythgoe was authorized to organize and preside over a choir in the Heneferville Branch. James became the first choir leader and undertook the assignment with serious intent. His organist was William P. Paskett, who, with William Brewer was chosen to go to Great Salt Lake to purchase a new organ for the Branch. The trip was made with a team of horses and wagon and an organ was purchased for the sum of \$75.00. When they returned home with the prized possession it was taken to the home of William Paskett so he could practice the hymns for the Sunday services. It was later moved to the meetinghouse. Some time later William Paskett purchased an organ for himself for \$100.00 from a Mr. Weaver of Echo, Utah. William and his family moved to Grouse Creek in 1877 and his organ was purchased for use in the church. William Brewer was selected as ward organist in 1877. Mary Ann Fowler also served as organist about this time.

In 1890 Bishop John C. Paskett appointed Stephen Beard as President and leader for the choir. He taught a singing class in his home for many years. Elizabeth Ellen Dearden was organist for the class. Wednesday night was "Choir" night and choir practice was seldom missed. Soon the class grew so large it was necessary to move to the church for practice. Some of the members were only 14 years of age. The names of some of the choir members were: Isabella Britton, Priscilla Danks, William Richins, Hannah Stephens, John C.

One day, 'bove the long straight furrows  
 Of tenderest waving grain,  
 Like the locusts dread over Egypt spread,  
 A great, dark cloud was seen.  
 "The grasshoppers are upon us!"  
 Men cried with sickening fear,  
 "No human force can stay their course!  
 Oh, God of the harvest, hear!"

They dropped to their knees in the furrows,  
 Man and mother and maid,  
 And with fervent plaint, a white-haired saint  
 Stretched out his hands and prayed;  
 "Oh, thou who gavest the manna  
 To Thy Israel of old,  
 And at eventide the quail supplied,  
 Thy power is manifold!

As Thou didst send the ravens,  
 That Thy prophet might be fed,  
 Let this salt sea our Cherith be!  
 Spare us our daily bread"  
 Lo, out on the dim horizon  
 Rose another cloud from the Lake  
 With wide swings of its rushing wings  
 To follow the first cloud's wake.

It swallowed the horde of insects  
 As prairie fire sweeps the plain,  
 And God's seagulls wrought His miracles,  
 For they saved the green, young grain.  
 Now, long as a grateful memory  
 And the laws of a state endure,  
 Shall Utah's arm from death and harm  
 Her seagulls keep secure.

—Annie Fellows Johnson.

## DOCTORS IN HENEFER

*As we look back over life's pattern  
 In the web of the past we've spun,  
 We remember the Good Country Doctor  
 And think of the laurels he won.*

*Doctors*—The treatment of sick folk of today is a far cry from that of yester year when Elizabeth Dearden, Louisa Richins and the other midwives of Henefer administered to the illnesses of the community. Stephen Foster made a concoction of herbs as did the midwives and with the use of them and faith in God they treated the illness in the valley. Many lives were saved; equally as many were lost especially during epidemics of diphtheria and small pox. Pneumonia also struck terror in the heart. There was so little known about an effective treatment for it's cure.

About the turn of the century a man came to Weber Valley who played an important part in the lives of people in the entire Summit County area. He was Dr. Oscar W. French who settled in Coalville, Utah in 1899 and hung out his M.D. shingle. Then began 50 years of devotion to his practice of medicine. His work was done the hard way. He traveled with horse and buggy in the summer, horse and cutter in the winter. He administered to the sick needs of people from Kamas to Morgan. Henefer people grew to love and depend on his skill and judgment. Most of his work was done in the homes, even surgery. It is estimated that he did about 500 appendectomies on kitchen tables, many of them in Henefer homes.

"Doc" French at the time of his death September 16, 1950, had brought into this world three generations of babies, more than three thousand of them. A very few were delivered at the county hospital; which was built largely through his influence. The hospital was com-



pleted in 1939. His services to the communities are commemorated on a bronze plaque in the hospital foyer.

In his eighty-first year he still practiced medicine to some extent. On one occasion as he remembered the by-gone years he said, "Without modern facilities and medicines we just had to do the best we could. A case of pneumonia was something which taxed all the skill and ingenuity a doctor could muster." Then he added, "Sometimes I think that if a patient got well it was by the grace of God. I often used to remember an old Dutch doctor friend of mine back in Iowa who said if he had a bad case of illness he first knelt down by the side of the bed and prayed."

Dr. C. Edison Dorland was another physician who was called often into the homes of Henefer people. He came to Utah at 27 years of age because of failing health and was employed by the Ideal Cement Company, Devils Slide, Utah as their company physician.

He and his wife Verna took residence in Devils Slide, Utah in 1907 at the time the cement plant was under construction. He wore a dark Vandyke goatee to give the appearance of being older. He and his wife were both fond of horseback riding so his sick calls were first made on horseback. He kept fine fast horses and insisted that they be well cared for. Eldred Toone a boy of about 14 years of age took care of his horses and stable. The horses were kept ready to go on a moment's notice. When an emergency arose the doctor could reach Henefer from Devils Slide, a distance of 4 miles, in 15 minutes.

A few years later he purchased a team of pure white horses and a shiny black buggy. He made quite an impressive picture as he traveled from house to house. In winter time the white horses were hitched to a cutter and the doctor wore a black fur coat and cap.

Dr. Dorland was a fine physician and surgeon. He performed many operations in the homes. He also took some of his patients to the small company hospital at Devils Slide. Dr. Dorland was loved and respected by every Henefer resident. The entire town mourned his untimely passing when only 50 years of age, just at the height of an illustrious medical career.

## PIONEER REFRIGERATION

### WINTER STORM

The buildings huddle down,  
Seeking brief comfort from the cold;  
Yet one old barn, firm-planted.  
Looms tall against the leaden sky,  
Defiant of the winds that shriek  
And wail around the eaves.  
Borne on storm wings,  
From the house faint smoke trails  
Toss in tattered fragments, disappear,  
While whirling snowdrifts down,  
Snaking along the fence rows,  
Carving strang sculptures from familiar things.  
Clutched in the bitter cold of winter storm,  
Uneasily, the farmstead sleeps.

—By Marian Schroder Crothers

Our Pioneer ancestors were far-sighted individuals. They looked ahead and planned for the future. In summer and early fall women gathered fruit and vegetables and painstakingly prepared and dried them so they might give their families a balanced diet through the winter months. Quantities of wheat was stored or ground into flour; underground pits were filled with potatoes and other root vegetables; men went "to canyon" and brought home great loads of wood, enough to see them through a long cold winter. In summer time they made preparations for warmth and comfort and plenty of food during cold weather. In winter it was "turn about," they spent a great deal of time preparing as well as they could for pleasant summer living.

Nearly every industrious settler owned an ice house. It was built near the coal house so that surplus slack was near at hand.